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OLDEST WEST COAST NAVAL HOSPITAL CELEBRATES MARE ISLAND CENTENNIAL

The history of the hospital would not be complete without the narrative of its founders and forerunners who in time gave birth to this, the oldest Naval Hospital on the West Coast. This institution stands today as a monument to the progress of the Navy, and as a picturesque landmark in the State of California.

The medical history of Mare Island dates from the day the USS WARREN arrived, and her medical officer, Assistant Surgeon John M. Browne, USN, became Mare Island's pioneer medical officer in 1854.

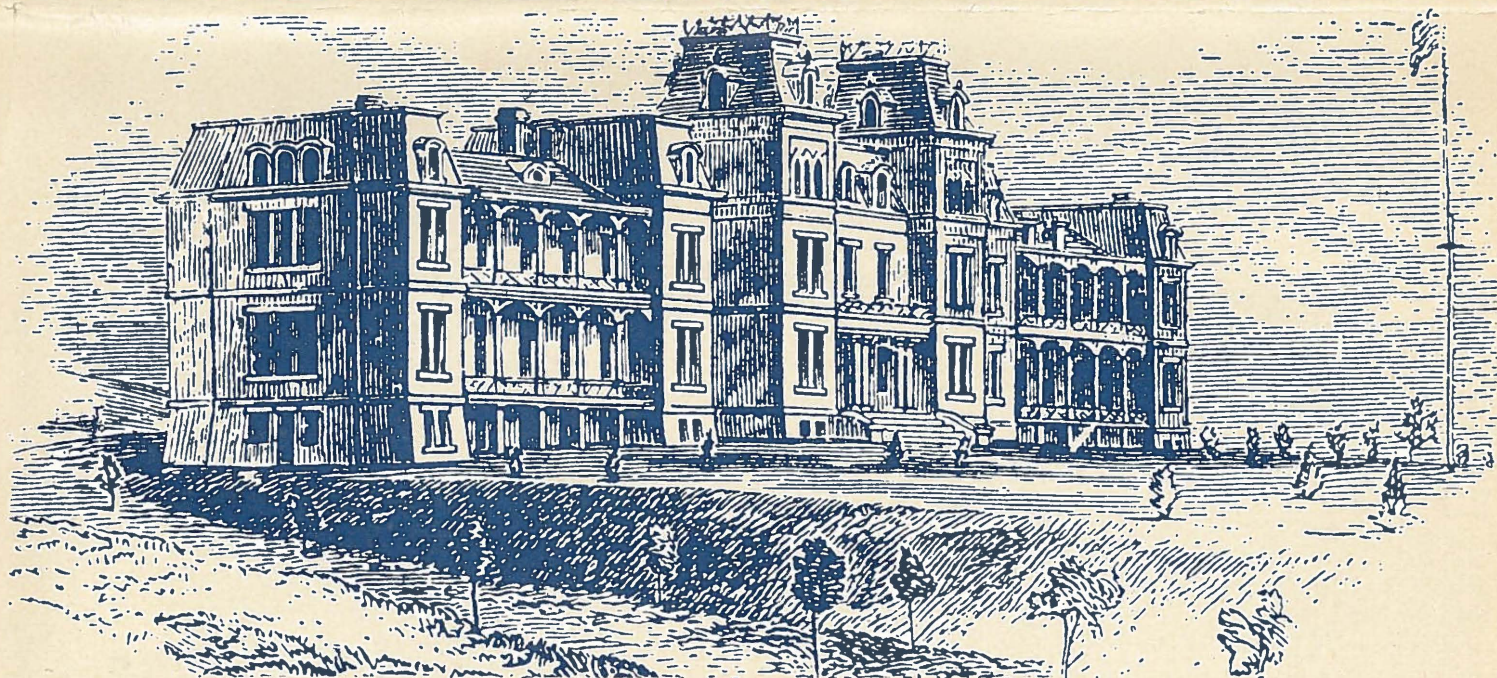
Medical facilities of the Navy Yard consisted of the sick bay of the sloop of war, USS WARREN, from 18 September 1854 until relieved by the frigate, USS INDEPENDENCE, on 2 October 1857. The INDEPENDENCE served as station and receiving ship for the yard until 2 November 1912 and provided the yard's entire medical facilities until 1863. In that year an old granary was moved near the berth of the INDEPENDENCE and converted into a temporary hospital of twenty-four beds. This makeshift structure was used until 1870 when the first permanent hospital was completed, with Surgeon W. E. Taylor in command.

The new hospital was a brick structure with a central administration building of basement, two stories and mansard roof, and two pavilion type ward wings. This hospital, which closely resembled the Naval Hospital built at Gray's Ferry Road, Philadelphia, in 1868, was situated part way up the slope of a hill facing the northeast. The hill to the rear of the hospital protected it from the cold summer winds blowing in from the sea to the southwest.

The first hospital, with a capacity of eighty beds, was used until 1898 when an earthquake so severely damaged the building that it was condemned and torn down. Congress appropriated the sum of \$100,000 for rebuilding the hospital, which was completed on 3 April 1900.

The Act of Congress authorizing the rebuilding specified that the foundations and basement of the former hospital should be utilized, thus limiting the ground plan of the second hospital to the structure of 1870. The hospital was rebuilt with California redwood, braced with large beams of Oregon pine and finished with stucco. The plan was that of a pavilion hospital with a central administration building and a rear subsistence and operating extension of three stories and lateral ward wings of two stories.

A great deal of construction has taken place on the hospital reservation of fifty-one acres during the one-half century that the present hospital has been in existence. By 1912 the capacity of the hospital has been increased to 220 beds with 162 in the main building, 30 in a temporary ward building and 28 in an isolation building. During World War I the erection of four H-type ward buildings in front of



VIEW OF THE NAVAL HOSPITAL IN 1870—The U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, California has continued to expand as it celebrates the Centennial Anniversary of the Shipyard. Originating from the structure shown above, with a capacity of eighty beds, the hospital has expanded to the large institution which you see today.

the main hospital and five single ward buildings on the hill to the rear of the hospital increased the capacity by 1,000 beds in addition to which tents with wooden platforms provided cover for 500 more beds.

In the period between World Wars I and II, many of the World War I temporary ward buildings

were removed or converted to other uses. Modernization of the hospital was started in 1928 with the construction of a five-story L-shaped, reinforced concrete wing, extending to the northwest, at a cost of \$366,797. In 1939 and 1941 this wing was duplicated on the southeast side of the old hospital at a cost of \$615,309. In 1942

this central structure was renovated, providing a modern hospital unit, except for the fact that the central buildings are of wood construction.

Types Medical Cases Cared for

This is one of the older hospitals—the oldest on the Pacific Coast. It has been a collecting point for patients from ships on

both the Pacific and Asiatic stations and, in more recent years, from Hawaii, Samoa and Guam. It has, therefore, in times past received a very large number of cases of tropical diseases. It also served as a collecting point for neuropsychiatric patients. These patients were screened here and

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MARE ISLAND NAVAL HOSPITAL CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

FAITHFULLY SERVING MEN AND WOMEN OF THE ARMED FORCES

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cases requiring long-term special treatment were transferred to Saint Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C., or assigned to State Hospitals in California with which the Navy had contracts.

During World War II this hospital was designated as a diagnostic and treatment center for neuropsychiatric patients. When the number of these patients over-crowded the facilities of the hospital, facilities in the Napa State Hospital were leased by the Navy on 3 February 1943 and became the Napa Annex of the Mare Island Hospital. This facility, with a capacity of 256 beds, was returned to the State of California on 30 June 1946. On February 16, 1950, by direction of the Navy Department, the Neuropsychiatric Center was transferred

to the U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California.

During World War II, the hospital was designated as the West Coast Center for the care and rehabilitation of amputees. The Artificial Limb Department was housed in a new semi-fireproof building constructed in 1945, modern in all respects and equipped with the latest precision machinery and tools for the production of artificial limbs. The cost of construction was \$89,231. On 13 June 1950, the Artificial Limb Department was transferred to the U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California.

The present function of the hospital is to provide general clinical and hospitalization services to meet the naval requirements in the area for shore activities and fleet units. General clinical and

hospitalization services are also provided for naval and other military dependents and other authorized supernumeraries.

In 1943 the hospital reached a capacity of 1,167 beds and during World War II reached a peak capacity of 2,281.

In order to accomplish personnel and monetary economies without affecting the medical support care in the military services, the hospital was cut to 100 operating bed capacity on 8 June 1950 for the fiscal year 1951. However, due to the unforeseen Korean conflict and the incoming combat evacuees from Pacific areas, the authorized bed capacity was revised upward to 550 beds in September 1950.

Hospital beds are assigned to specific services as follows: Sick

Officers' Quarters, 43; surgical, 170; medical, 160; orthopedic, 196; neuropsychiatric, 252; urology, 40; eye, ear, nose and throat, 48; dependents' service, 40, with 24 bassinets.

Taking the date of 30 March 1954 as a reference point for data on patients and hospital staff personnel, there were on that date 326 patients in the following categories: 221 Navy, 65 Marines, 29 dependents, nine retired personnel, two other supernumeraries.

The hospital was staffed as follows: 26 doctors, 34 nurses, eight Medical Service Corps officers, 220 male enlisted men, 23 Waves, 216 civilian employees.

The hospital now has an operating bed capacity of 390 beds, with a maximum bed capacity of 959 beds.



ASSISTANT SURGEON JOHN M. BROWNE, USN, pioneer medical officer of the Sloop of War WARREN. No quarters of any kind for the accommodation of the sick were erected ashore after the arrival of the WARREN in September, 1854, so this ship with her medical officer continued to be a dispensary and hospital for the very few men employed until the arrival of the Razee Frigate INDEPENDENCE in October, 1857. Both ships continued to care for the sick until a granary was moved near the berth of the INDEPENDENCE and converted into a temporary hospital of twenty-four beds. This makeshift structure was used until 1870 when the first permanent hospital was completed. (Photo is a copy of the original which hangs in the Medical Library.)



ADMIRAL DAVID GLASGOW FARRAGUT, then Commander Farragut, arrived at Mare Island in 1854 to take command. A diary is extant in the handwriting of Commander Farragut, and the first entry relating to the yard states: "September 16th, 1854. Took charge of the Island and forthwith ordered all squatters off. Weather clear. September 18th, 1854. Sloop of War WARREN came up to be moored as storeship for the accommodation of the yard."

The medical history of the station, therefore, dates from the day of the Warren's arrival, and her medical officer, Assistant Surgeon John M. Browne, the pioneer medical officer of Mare Island. (Photo reproduced from original in Medical Library.)

OLD HOSPITAL LANDMARK GETS DEDICATORY PLAQUE



FIRST HOSPITAL—Raymond W. Finn, Chief Quartermaster of the hospital unveils a plaque commemorating the near-century old Administration Building. The plaque was revealed during dedication ceremonies held in front of the Administration Building early this month.

Mare Island Hospital's venerable Administration Building which came into existence as the original hospital nearly 100 years ago, was solemnly dedicated in noon ceremonies early this month. Ceremonies held at the Administration Building were one of six commemorative programs planned in connection with Mare Island's Centennial year observance.

The Administration Building was once the original hospital; a brick structure with a central administration building of a basement, two stories, mansard roof, and two pavilion type ward wings, which closely resembled the Naval Hospital built at Gray's Ferry Road, Philadelphia, in 1868. This first hospital, with a capacity of eighty beds, was used until 1898 when an earthquake so severely damaged the building that it was condemned and torn down. The second structure, built on the original foundation, was of California redwood, braced with large beams of Oregon pine and finished with stucco. The Administration Building presents essentially the same appearance today.

Mr. Russell F. O'Hara was principal speaker at the structure's dedication. A brief talk was made by Raymond Finn, Chief Quartermaster, who presented the commemorative plaque on behalf of the civilian employees of the hospital. Captain W. L. Berkley, Executive Officer of the hospital, acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Attending the brief ceremonies were Rear Adm. Fredrick L. Entwistle, USN, Commander; Mare Island Vallejo Area; Captain J. H. Rodgers, former shipyard commander; Captain Thomas G. Hays, commanding officer of the hospital; Captain W. L. Berkley,

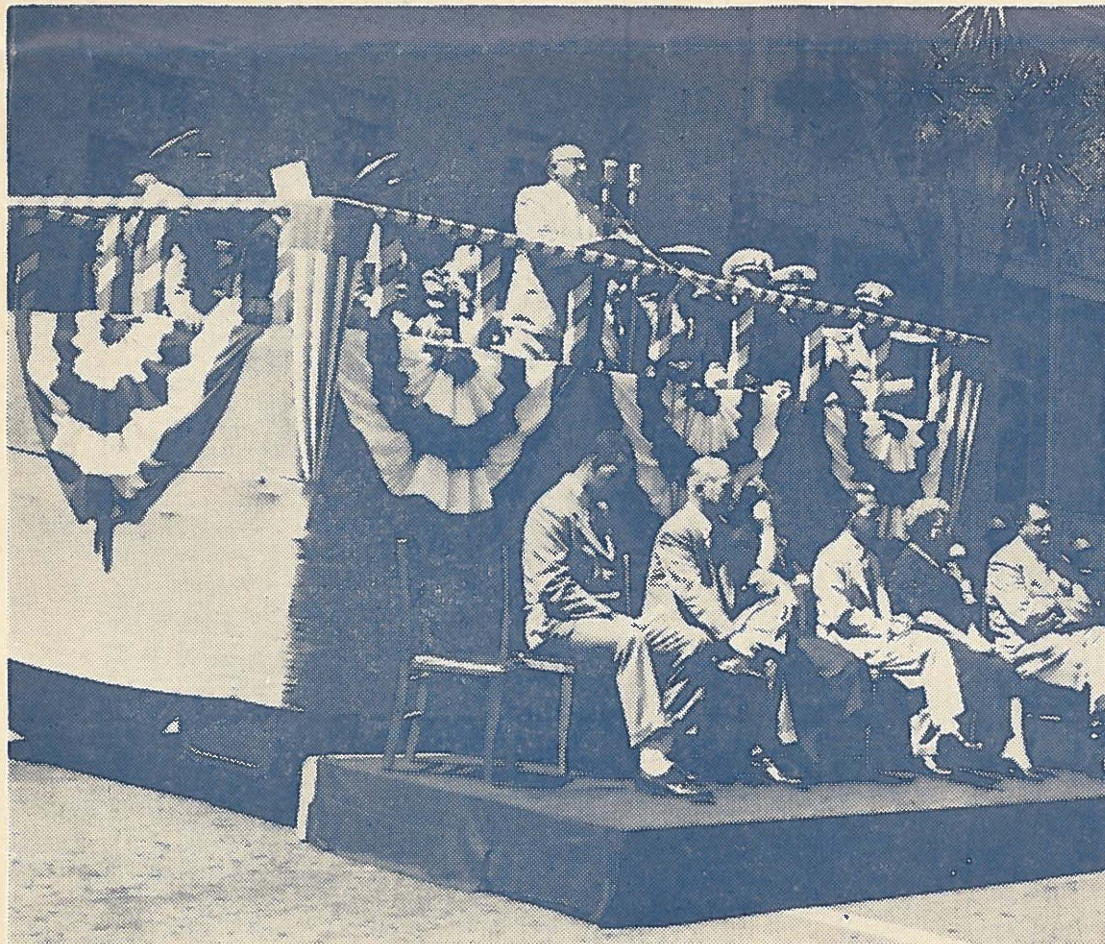
Executive Officer; LCDR W. F. Gadberry, USN, Commanding Officer, Naval Ammunition Depot; Captain D. C. MacMillan, USN, Commander SubAdm and MI Grp, Pacific Reserve Fleet; Colonel W. O. Thompson, USMC, Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks; Captain G.B.H. Stallings, USN, Commanding Officer, Naval Magazine, Port Chicago; Miss Sally O'Hara (Miss Centennial); many key naval and civilian officials at Mare Island and other members of the Mare Island and the Hospital Centennial Committee's board of directors.

Among the other honored guests present were retired hospital employees: Paul L. Wurdig, Albert Anderson, Arthur Anderson, Mae Buchenau, Fred Locey, Jack Finnigan, Arthur Foster, Manuel Perry, Walter Parkerson, Julius Schroder, Frank Roberts and those employees with thirty or more years of service: William H. Wiggins, Mabel Sawtell and Bradley S. France.

The Mare Island Civilian Employees Band opened the noon-hour program with 15 minutes of music. Captain W. L. Berkley served as Master of Ceremonies and introduced the speakers.

The metal plaque affixed to the northwest pillar of the building was unveiled by Raymond Finn and Captain Hays and identifies the structure as the "First Hospital" at Mare Island. It pictures a fighting ship and a reproduction of the Mare Island Centennial emblem. Wording states that construction of the hospital was started in 1870, which was destroyed by earthquake in 1898 and rebuilt in 1900 on the original foundation.

At the bottom the plaque states that it was presented by the civilian employees of the hospital.



DEDICATION—Mr. Russell O'Hara, principal speaker at the dedication ceremonies (at the microphone) is seen as he delivered the address of the dedication of the first Hospital structure. Seated below the speakers platform are the hospital civilian dedication committee: (from left to right) E. G. Longcor, Hubert O. Moore, Mary M. Strong, Choi Man Tsue, Laura Read and Raymond Finn.



GUIDE FOR WALK-AROUND TOUR

This is a simplified sketch of the Naval Hospital Centennial Exhibit. It shows only a numbers listed below correspond to those in the drawing to help visitors orientate themselves.

1. This long bronze gun, at the left hand entrance, was cast in Italy sometime during the 17th century and was possibly used in the early Portuguese men of war in the East Indian waters. Guns of this type also formed part of the defense batteries of merchant vessels in those seas and were also used in Malay and Chinese Pirates during a period of over two hundred years. This gun was obtained at Sandakan, Borneo in 1905 by Surgeon A. Farenholt, USN, who was then surgeon aboard the USS RA-LEIGH. The Arabic inscription on the barrel of this gun has been translated to mean "He who possesses me, will have good fortune."

2. The gun at the right hand side of the entrance was cast at St. Petersburg, Russia in 1805, and was presented to the Fleet Surgeon of the United States Pacific Fleet on the occasion of the seceding of Alaska to the United States by Russia at Sitka on November 8, 1867.

3. These prints from the Abbott Laboratory art collection depict the Navy Medical Department in action.

4. Portrait of Admiral David G. Faragut, the shipyard's first commander.

5. Portraits of former Commanding Officers of the Mare Island Naval Hospital.

6. Ancient ledgers, documents and other correspondence from the Crews Library. The will of Alexander White, a quartermaster, who died in the hospital in 1889, is shown in the center of the show-case. At his bequest a fund was started for the establishment of a library at the hospital.

7. These antique books and instruments were loaned by Dr. John W. Green of Vallejo, California. The instruments were used by successive generations and finally by Dr. Green in his early years of practice. The ancient volumes are as follows: Sydenham's "Practice of Medicine," which was written in 1711 and printed in London in 1722. Dr. James Hamilton's "Study of Midwifery," was published in 1796 in London. The "Treatise on Surgical Anatomy" by Dr. Abraham Colles was published in Philadelphia in 1831.

8. These mannequins dressed in comparative uniforms date from 1854 to the present.

9. The medical, dental and surgical equipment shown here was loaned by the University of California Hospital. All of the items

shown date back one hundred and more years.

10. Stanford University Hospital loaned the medical equipment and records shown in this section. All were in use during the last one hundred and fifty years.

11. This pharmaceutical collection shows the beginnings, the growth and the changes in this profession for the past hundred years. The articles here were loaned by the University of California Hospital.

12. The wheel chair shown here was in use at this hospital in

13. The artificial limb and brace exhibit from the U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California. During World War II, Mare Island Naval Hospital was designated as the West Coast Center for the care and rehabilitation of amputees. The Artificial Limb Department

was housed in the present Red Cross Building, which was constructed in 1945. This department was transferred to the U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, in 1950.

14. The First-Aid booth is not part of the display and is for your convenience, if necessary.

15. The instruments and equipment for the dental offices of 1854 and 1900 were loaned by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of San Francisco. Note particularly the ancient dental instruments in the center case. These jeweled dental instruments were first used in Kentucky in 1853 by Dr. Alvin Fox Merriman, Sr., who brought them to Oakland, California in 1879.

16. The preparation of the modern dental office of today was made by RITTER CO., INC.

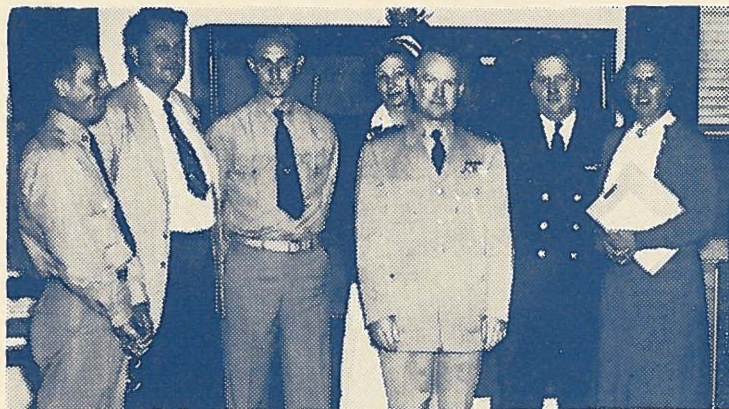
17. An orthopedic hospital room of 1854.

18. The mannequin patient in the iron lung is typical of a polio isolation case in 1954.

19. Sterile technique is certainly not evident in this 1854 surgical amputation.

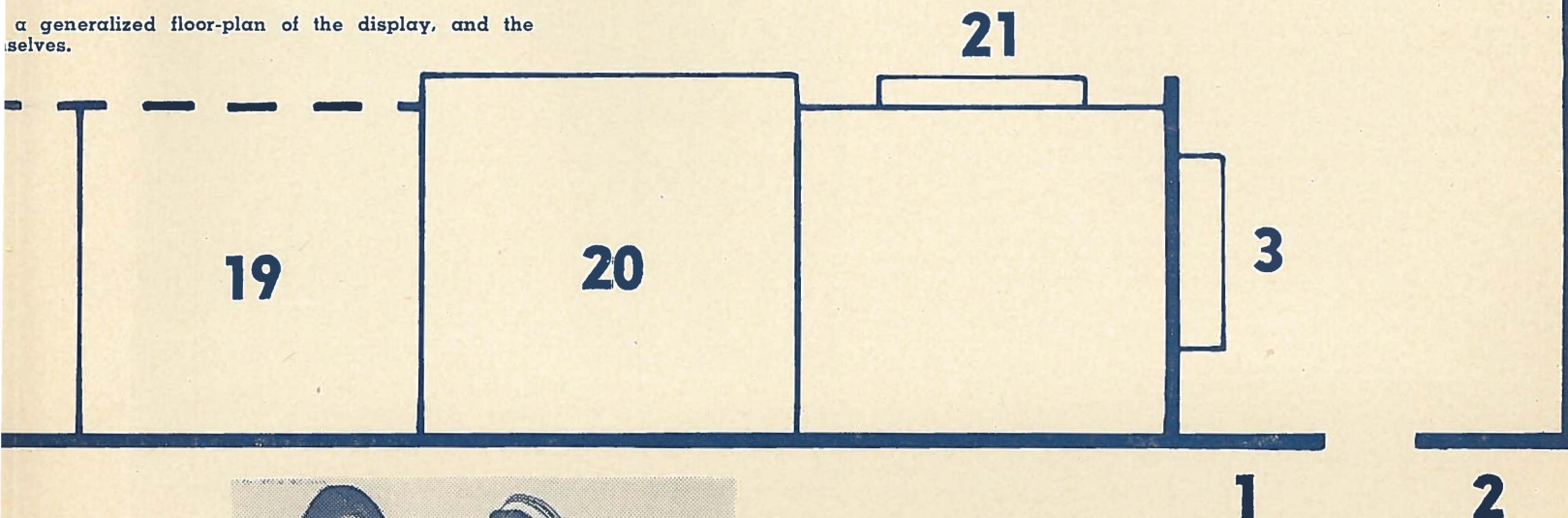
20. Surgery in 1954 depicts a typical Navy operating room scene. In the Navy, operating personnel consists of the operating surgeon and the medical officers who assist him, the operating room nurse, the anaesthetist and two or more hospital corpsmen. Various types of modern surgical instruments, sterile packs and X-Rays surround this mannequin "team" performing a gastric resection.

21. This roster, which hangs in the Captain Hays office, lists all the C.O.'s of the Mare Island Naval Hospital.

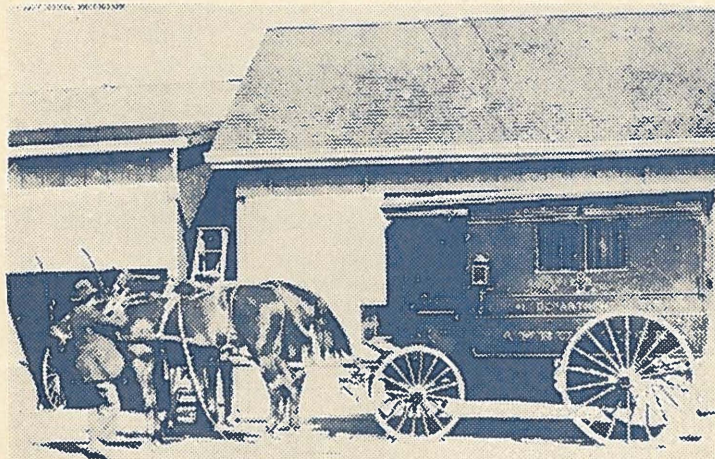


MEET THE HOSPITAL CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE, left to right, LT. B. C. Raybourn, MSC, USN; Mr. Raymond Finn, LT. W. E. Marsden, MSC, USN; LT Ann J. Benson, NC, USN; LTJG S. W. Brown, MSC, USN; LCDR U. Wilson, and Mrs. Martha Porter. LCDR Wilson, coordinator for all Centennial activities at the hospital, leaves Mare Island on the twenty-fifth of this month to assume duties in Brooklyn, New York. LT W. L. Linn, MC, USNR, and Mrs. G. W. Shepard are also members of the committee but were unable to be present when the picture was taken.

a generalized floor-plan of the display, and the
selves.



Examining the jeweled dental instruments used by Dr. Alvin Fox Merriman in 1853 are Glen Denkers, HM3, and Lt. Ann J. Benson, NC. These instruments are displayed in Section 15 of the Hospital Centennial Exhibit.



Not quite half a hundred years old, this horse-drawn ambulance at least looks like it should be celebrating its centennial birthday. This vehicle was in common use at this hospital when the photo was taken in 1909.

Quartermaster Alexander White's Will Creates Crews Library in 1889

The Last Will and Testament of Alexander White, Quartermaster in the
U.S. Navy.

I, Alexander White, being of sound mind and memory, do make this
my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following:

First, I give the sum of one hundred dollars to purchase a
headstone for my grave.

Second, I give to Michael Masur, Seaman, U.S.N. the sum of
twenty-five dollars.

Third, All the rest and remainder of money that is due me
from the Government and is bank on deposit in my name, or that pay to-
some due me, for the purchase of a library for use of the sailors and
marines at the Naval Hospital, Mare Island, California, to be expended at
the discretion of the Medical Officer in charge thereof.

I hereby appoint Deight Dickinson, Surgeon, U.S.N. sole ex-
ecutor of this my last Will and Testament, without bonds, revoking all
former wills by me made.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand the second day of
February, 1889.

his
Alexander K White
mark

Witnesses to signature.

A. Hudson, Medical Director, U.S.N.

D. Dickinson, Surgeon, U.S.N.

E. St John, Apothecary, U.S.N.

In keeping with the celebration of the Mare Island Centennial the
Crew's Library salutes Alexander White, Quartermaster, who died
at the Mare Island Hospital in 1889, after serving twenty-five years in
the United States Navy. At his bequest, a fund was set up for the
establishment of a library for the benefit of the enlisted men of the
Navy and Marine Corps who were patients in this Hospital. So
through the years the patients have been provided with books and
magazines through the generosity of one Quartermaster, USN.

Chaplain's Corner

OUR HERITAGE

Centennial is the one word most of us are hearing these days. It has made us conscious of the history of this island from the time 100 years ago the island became a Naval Base under the capable leadership of Commodore Farragut, as the first Commandant.

It would be interesting to have available the religious history of our own hospital. It is regrettable that our sources of information are so few and meager. The only bit of information we have is that the present hospital chapel was commissioned as a chapel in 1930. This does not mean the religious needs were unattended prior to that date.

The Mare Island Navy Yard and Hospital are definitely linked closely to the early history of the Navy. Chaplains and their work have been an integral part of the Navy since Chaplain William Balch was first commissioned on 30 October 1799. His commission was signed by President John Adams. Chaplains were assigned to duty aboard the larger men-of-war sailing vessels. Perhaps as they came into the yard for overhaul and repairs the chaplains were pressed into service. Probably the spiritual needs of the hospital patients were ministered unto by these sea-faring chaplains, the yard chaplain or by the civilian clergy.

The U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, has long enjoyed an envious reputation in the Navy. It has a rich heritage of ministering to the sick. Doctoring and nursing the sick was accomplished by the best medical minds of the day in the Navy. People desired to return here for hospitalization due to the excellent care received.

Those sick in soul were also cared for by the devoted men of God who attended their needs with prayer, worship, and counsel. These chaplains go unnamed today, but their acts of kindness and mercy in this hospital are indelibly recorded on the hearts and minds of those passed on. History, if known, would bear this out.

We today follow the long line of our predecessors in the art of ministering to the sick. It is a great calling and carries with it a greater responsibility. We have a high standard to maintain. However, those who are to serve their fellowmen and Almighty God are unlimited. May we, and those who will follow us with God's help, be an instrument in serving loyally and faithfully those who are sick, that their health may be restored.

CHAPLAIN ROBERT L. DEAL

Fleet Reservist



Chief Auger officially became a member of the Fleet Reserve early this month. He plans to attend the University of California this fall.

LTJG Mortimer Promoted



Expressing best wishes to LTJG Beverly C. Mortimer, NC, USNR, on her recent promotion is Captain Thomas G. Hays, Commanding Officer.

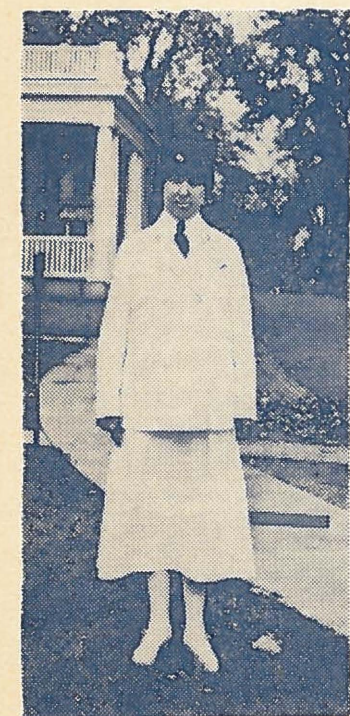
— Civilian News — REMINISCING

It's nice to go back to the years that have passed
And dream all the old dreams o'er.
To think of the fun and the people I've met
Since I walked through the hospital door—
It's a grand old place and if I had my wish
Or a chance to ask of a star,
I'd ask that you'd always remain just the same
As you wonderful people are—
The parties we've had and the cakes that we've cut;
The Hi's and goodbyes that we've said
And the tug at the heartstrings when some one nice left,
Or when some one decided to wed.
The times we were busy, the times we were not,
When we'd gossip, as all women do—
These are the things that I'll never forget
And in dreaming, I keep close to you.
It's a gay little place, through not far away
Are the ill ones—may their days be blessed,
Till they walk once more through the hospital door
And find peace and happiness.
I remember the days when the mighty and high
Were disturbed 'cause something went wrong—
And they all flipped their lids—it was quite a deal, kids—
But their anger just didn't last long.
There are changes we've had and they've not been bad;
'Twas confusing as all "get out" to me,
For we'd just settle down when the order would go round:
Move your desk back where it used to be.
Holy cow! what a deal—there were times when I'd feel
Like saying "Take it easy old girl!"
And my blood pressure would rise
Till the whites of my eyes
Looked like a banner unfurled.
Oh we've laughed and we've cried and we've all of us tried
To weather the storms as they came,
But it still puzzles me as I never could see
The changes they made just the same.
I guess we get restless as the years roll along;
Grow older and mellow, too,
And the older we get—the more that we fret
And the sooner we get in a stew.
Can it be we've stopped dreaming or life's passed us by,
As we stand on the brink of time;
Can it be that we yearn for the old days return,
As we brush a tear from our eye.
It's not just my dreams that make all things seem—
So close—though they always will be
In a corner of my heart that I've kept apart to dwell there in
memory.

BLANCHE PEAVEY.



Robert L. Deal



Navy Nurses Uniforms During World War I

Corpsmen's Chatter

DRAGNET OUT FOR ONE COLUMNIST—Want to make headlines? Well, here's your chance to do just that. By the time this reaches your eyes, I will have bid everyone fond adieu and there is urgent need now for a new man to take over the gathering and writing the local news and features of this column. Any man of average intelligence, who can write, has a good nervous system to meet the deadlines, and would like to gain a little experience in the art of newspaper work—please apply soon to Glen Denkers in the Information and Education Office. It's a good job for the right man. Could be you.

SWEET MYSTERY OF LIFE—Well . . . it has finally happened. After much deliberation and many changes of wedding date, Lorine Bassett became Mrs. Ralph Marker on 27 August. It was a small wedding but it is believed that Lorine was SLIGHTLY "shook" because she didn't say more than three words all the way to San Francisco. And you know as well as I that talking is her favorite hobby. At the present time Lorine and Ralph are honeymooning, and although Ralph has departed for points south, Lorine will be back to give us the good word when we deserve it. It is our hope that they will be back together before too many more moons. Our congratulations to both of you and may you have a long, happy and prosperous life together.

SADDEST STORY OF THE MONTH—It's been a long time since we'd seen as sad a sight as Glen Denkers as he ploughed his way into Dorm G one evening not too long ago. It seems that it had rained during the preceding night and the roof over the Information and Education Office had developed a slight leak. What a re-voltin' development! Not only was most of the floor covered with water but his desk as well. Unfortunately, many of the pictures for the Hospitalog were also on the desk, but you don't think that upset ole Glen, do you? Of course not—he simply hung all the pictures up to dry and I&E Office looked like a typical Monday morning wash line. As far as Glen is concerned, it ain't gonna rain no mo—at least not until the roof is fixed.



Robert
J. Barber.
HN, USN

CRAZY MIXED-UP AFFAIR—Speaking of sad looks reminds me of Sam DiNolfo. Not that he is a sad looking individual practically anytime. But you should have seen him when he discovered he could only take 40 pounds of luggage aboard the airplane on his recent trip back to New York. Someone told Sam that sixty pounds was allowed. Unfortunately, his two suitcases weighed at least twice that amount when only half full. No one knows how Sam made out but at this writing we are quite sure that he arrived in Rochester with all those clothes. Let's hope so anyway.

CAN YOU IMAGINE?—Bruce Cram, who was discharged from the service on 10 September, has been accepted at Brigham Young University. He will share an apartment with Carl Markworth and Don Fleming, who just happen to be two MIU graduates. What a time they will have—can't you just hear the sea stories they will be telling? Much luck to all three in their studies, and here's hoping all three will leave school with top honors.

SIGHTS ROUND THE BARBER CHAIR—Dick Oxentime really giving Lorine Bassett the word when she returned from San Fran a week or so ago—the tables turned a little, but Lorine got the final word, as usual . . . Paul Smith going to Fallon, Nevada, but everyone is sure they'll see him soon—Lou's still here . . . HM2 Radford getting set to leave MIU and help recommission a carrier toward the end of October . . . George Beckham couldn't work after having his fingernails removed—so he went on leave; oh joyous day! Way down South in de land of cotton—nothing like a happy Rebel, I always say . . . The many sad faces down Corps Qtrs. way when Chief Gird left us . . . John V. R. Oliver playing tennis in his bare feet, yep! you guessed it! . . . Erv Schwartz going fishing with his family. The biggest (and only) fish was caught by wife, Dorothy. Even their children (Dana and Lennie) did better than Erv—at least they didn't loose their bait . . . Chief Samples holding reveille one fine morning a short while ago—picking up those racks and dropping them—hard on the racks as well as the backs . . . Vernon Tisdale (ex-Navy) paynig a visit to our illustrious violinist Miguel Medina (down in little ole San Antonio, Texas) only to find Mike's fingers slightly bent from much twisting . . . Incidentally, Tiz is now a student at the University of Arizona . . . Joyce Edwards anxious to join her husband, Don, on the 24th—back to Parsons, Kansas, she'll go—much luck to you two . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jordan journeying to Massachusetts to settle in Peabody . . . Ron Mendenhall having a little difficulty getting his Ford to climb Lombard Street hill in San Fran—but never say die—he finally made it on the second try . . . Ralph Stockman and "Pogo" finally discovering each other. Thought Captain Marvel was more his speed . . . Bob Raffel trying desperately to find a writer for this column—but in vain . . . Our congratulations to Bob Boeker and his new wife—they will be married the latter part of this month, but better early than never . . . Exie has set 2 October for her marriage to Chuck Taylor—much luck and happiness to you two, too.

SIR WALTER RALEIGH A LA 1954—Who said chivalry is daid? Why, it was only a few short days ago that a modern-day Raleigh came into being! Our cast of characters (that's what I like about this

place, characters, always characters): The dashing young knight, Johnnie Hammons; yon maiden fair in distress, Pat Conrad. The story: They were at the Vallejo drive-in seeing "The High and the Mighty" when "sunny" California had "that" surprise July rain. Friend Hammons (being the mechanical genius that he is) reached for the mechanism that turned on the windshield wipers. What happened? Lo and behold—nothing! Most people would have given up at this stage of the game and gone home, but NOT our HERO. Brother Hammons simply rolled down the window—leaned out, and supplied the necessary power and the wipers finally worked. Only the shining armor was missing—our knight removed his shirt (dry cleaning bills, you know!). No, civalry is not dead and knighthood is still in flower—just ask Pat Conrad, she'll tell ya!

OF HUMAN INTEREST—Well, whattaya know? Three new fathers with us this month—and as proud and as happy as they can be. These three are Chief Osbourne, HMI's Rose and Dodge. Ah, what fun there will be around their households. May these three little ones bring you three big ones much happiness and joy! Keep up the good work, men!

MEMO TO MYSELF—And to you, too. Speaking of new arrivals reminds me of the fact that you can hear the pitter-patter of little feet at Chaplain Deal's home. Three kittens were born o Sugar, the cat, a short while back. But that ain't all brother! You should see the array of insects that little Susan and Sally have adopted recently—not one caterpillar, but three; one turtle, a bird, goldfish and a number of green bugs that like to nibble tomatoes. Just think, if Chaplain Deal ever gets out of the Navy he could be a bug collector. It has been suggested that he get a few pointers from Dick Oxentime who is a full-fledged "Bug-ologist" already.

A FEW QUICK SHAVINGS—Bob French off on leave but there will be two when he returns. Another wedding this month—and September will beat all previous months for the joyous occasions. To Bob and the new Mrs. French—our congratulations . . . Many people would be happy if Bob Lindsay could get his gal to the U. S. from Guam—he too would like to take the drastic step and become a groom . . . Jack Farley has the greatest picture in his room—just walk in and have a peak, you can't miss it—right over his bed, and almost as big as our new murals . . . Jim Shifflett, Dick Carr and Bob Goldman disrupting a certain dorm down Corps Qtrs. way with their pleasant shouting.

FINIS—By the time this "masterpiece" reaches your eyes I shall be a graduate of good ole MIU, therefore, this will be the last bit of news I will compile. I must say that it has indeed been a pleasure writing this column for the Log these many months, and equally enjoyable knowing all of you.

My thanks to those who contributed news during these months—for without your help this column would not have been possible. For the many, many times I have "stepped on toes" and printed items which shouldn't have reached the readers' eyes—I am indeed sorry.

A special apology to Chief Stiers who has taken all the ribbing about his "curly locks" like a real trouper. He suffered through many a column, I know.

To Frank Holthaus I bequeath my title of "The Mayor of Dorm G" as I believe he is the next in line—and I know he will live up to it.

I hope my partner in crime (Blanche Peavey) can keep the Administration Building in tow. I'd still like to take you with me Peavey. I can just see you in a grass skirt doing the hula.

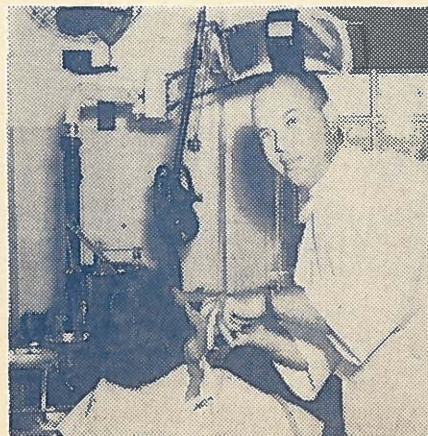
To Mrs. Blanche Morgan (Mare Island's answer to Don Tobin's LITTLE WOMAN) I leave my heartiest thanks for proofreading this column. Peace and contentment will once again return to the Civil Readjustment Office when I leave—and she'll have no one giving her arguments, which resulted in many a headache. (Hope that you give up the little dance step—namely, the shimmy, which you have demonstrated s many times.)

To my successor, whoever you may be, one bottle of aspirin.

To all of you—thanks for the memories! If any of you are ever unfortunate enough to find yourself in Titusville, Pennsylvania (its on the map—believe it or not!) just remember that the coffee pot will be brewing and the welcome mat is waiting for you.

Rather than good-bye, I would prefer to express in a word of the Island on my new duty—Aloha!

BOB BARBER.



Commander Raymond H. Friesz, DC, USN, Chief of Dental Service since 1951, was detached this month and will assume duties aboard the USS PRINCETON. Dr. Friesz, a native of North Dakota, is an alumnus of the University of North Dakota, a graduate of the College of Dentistry of Marquette University and holds a Master of Science in Dentistry (oral surgery) from the University of Pennsylvania.

Program of Events for Mare Island Centennial

Thursday, September 16

EVENT	TIME	PLACE
Open House	10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Mare Island Ships and Historical Locations
Band Concert	Noon to 1:00 p.m.	Alden Park, Mare Island
Dedication Farragut Plaza	1:00 to 1:30 p.m.	Alden Park, Mare Island
Armed Services Review	1:30 to 2:00 p.m.	Reviewing Stands, Alden Park
Assault on a Fortified Position by U. S. Marines	2:30 to 3:00 p.m.	Rifle Range, Mare Island
Centennial Dinner	6:00 to 8:30 p.m.	Bldg. 509, Mare Island
Chief Petty Officers' Dance and Buffet Supper	7:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.	CPO Mess, Mare Island
Centennial Military Ball—For Enlisted Men	8:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.	Casa de Vallejo Hotel
Century Triumphant—Historical Cavalcade	9:30 to 11:00 p.m.	Solano Co. Fairgrounds, Vallejo
Water Carnival and Fireworks	9:30 to 11:30 p.m.	Vallejo Waterfront Georgia to Florida Sts.

Friday, September 17

EVENT	TIME	PLACE
Open House	10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Mare Island Ships and Historical Locations
Band Concert	12:30 to 1:00 p.m.	Alden Park, Mare Island
Secretary of the Navy Tribute	12:30 to 1:00 p.m.	Alden Park, Mare Island
Assault on a Fortified Position by U. S. Marines	2:00 to 3:00 p.m.	Rifle Range, Mare Island
Century Triumphant—Historical Cavalcade	8:30 to 10:00 p.m.	Solano Co. Fairgrounds, Vallejo
Air-Sea Rescue	2:00 to 3:30 p.m.	Vallejo Waterfront Georgia to Florida Sts.
Water Carnival and Fireworks	8:30 to 10:30 p.m.	Vallejo Waterfront Georgia to Florida Sts.
Centennial Military Ball—For Enlisted Men	8:30 p.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Casa de Vallejo Hotel

Saturday, September 18

EVENT	TIME	PLACE
Open House	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Mare Island Ships and Historical Locations and Mare Island Shops
Water Skiing	11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Vallejo Waterfront
Band Concert	Noon to 1:00 p.m.	Alden Park, Mare Island
Speed Boat Races	12:30 to 4:00 p.m.	Vallejo Waterfront
Assault on a Fortified Position by U. S. Marines	2:00 to 3:00 p.m.	Rifle Range, Mare Island
Century Triumphant—Historical Cavalcade	8:30 to 10:00 p.m.	Solano Co. Fairgrounds, Vallejo
Water Carnival and Fireworks	8:30 to 10:30 p.m.	Vallejo Waterfront Georgia to Florida Sts.

Sunday, September 19

EVENT	TIME	PLACE
Catholic Field Mass	9:00 a.m.	St. Peter's Chapel Grounds
Open House	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Mare Island Ships and Historical Locations
Centennial Protestant Service	11:00 a.m.	St. Peter's Chapel
Parade	2:00 to 5:00 p.m.	Vallejo Parade Route
King Neptune's Court	5:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Vallejo Waterfront
Century Triumphant—Historical Cavalcade	8:30 to 10:00 p.m.	Solano Co. Fairgrounds, Vallejo
Water Carnival and Fireworks	8:30 to 10:30 p.m.	Vallejo Waterfront Georgia to Florida Sts.



EXHIBITS, SEPTEMBER 16-19, 1954

EVENT	TIME	PLACE
Portrait of Mare Island and Vallejo—An Art Exhibit	10:00 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday-Saturday 11:00 to 9:00 p.m. Sun.	Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building
Vallejo Historical Exhibit	10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Thursday Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sun.	Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building
History Recorded by Camera—A Photographic Exhibit	10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sun.	Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building
100 Years of Life and Work on Mare Island—A Museum Exhibit	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Bldg. 513, Mare Island
Ships in Battle—Art and Ship Model Exhibit	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Rodman Center Gymnasium, Mare Island
Alden Park Historical Exhibits	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Alden Park, Mare Island
Medical Equipment of Yesterday and Today	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Bldg. H-80, Naval Hospital
Naval Ammunition Depot Exhibit	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Bldg. A-196, Naval Ammunition Depot
Marine Corps Display	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Bldg. M-32, Marine Barracks
100 Years of Progress in Supply Department	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday-Sunday Only	Bldg. 483, Mare Island



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